

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 196 – HB 483

February 16, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each local education agency (LEA) to establish a progressive truancy intervention program for students in K-12 schools. Requires K-12 schools to implement a progressive truancy intervention plan for at-risk students before the school refers a student to juvenile court. Implements a tiered system which is triggered by a student having at least three unexcused absences within a school year. Sets forth what each tier of the progressive truancy system shall include. Prohibits the use of in-school or out-of-school suspension as part of the progressive truancy interventions. Requires referrals for truancy made to a juvenile court be accompanied by a statement from the student's school that the LEA has attempted progressive truancy interventions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the Department of Education, a majority of LEAs have implemented truancy intervention and prevention programs.
- Any change to existing truancy prevention and intervention programs to create a tiered system as a result of this bill is estimated to be not significant.
- A small reduction in the number of cases referred to the juvenile court may occur; however, any decrease in state or local expenditures as a result of this reduction is estimated to be not significant.
- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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